

## Smoke Free Environment & Smoking Policy

As a healthcare facility, & Residential Living reserves the right to maintain a Smoke Free Environment in an effort to ensure the safety and promote the health and well being of our residents, visitors, and staff.

Smoking is prohibited within the structure of the facility at all times. Visitors and staff who choose to engage in smoking activities may do so only in the area outside of the facility structure that are designated for smoking. Located outside is an ashtray for disposing of cigarette butts, cigarette butts from the trashcan should be disposed of by placing them in the red metal self-closing can located adjacent from the ashtray. No other "trash" should be placed in this red can; it is only for cigarette butts.

Residents who smoke will be encouraged to seek physician assistance in initiating a smoking cessation program. Residents will not be permitted to engage in smoking activity unless the Director of Nursing has assessed them, and feels they are safe of if supervision is required. In the event a resident is assessed as requiring assistance or supervision in order to continue smoking activities, scheduled smoking times will be established to allow the resident to be supervised during smoking.

At no time are resident's smoking materials or paraphernalia to be stored in resident care areas. Cigarettes, cigars, pipes, tobacco, lighters, matches, etc., must be stored at the nurses' station and returned to the nurses' station upon re-entering the facility.

Visitors identified as violating the facility's Smoke Free Environment policy will be provided with counseling. Any subsequent violations will be considered a threat to resident health and safety, and will be grounds for involuntary discharge from the facility in accordance with State and Federal reules and regulations.